

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 13, 2023**  
**Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams

**Absent / Excused:** Eva Webb

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

**Administrative Staff in Attendance:**

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock, City Attorney; Roberto Scappaticci, DPW Director.

**1. Agenda**

- A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve the agenda as presented.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**2. Minutes**

- A. **Res. #23-064** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 6, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Abstain -Abdo Nays - None **Motion Carried**
- B. **Res #23-065** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of the Minutes from the Special meeting(s) held on March 6, 2023 Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Abstain -Abdo Nays - None **Motion Carried**

**3. Petitioner - None**

**4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**

Mayor Pro Tem Barden invited Congressman Shri Thanedar to the podium to address the city council.

- A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to accept the Chairperson's Report.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**5. Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**

- A. **Res. #23-066** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to concur with the Administration to re-appoint Mark Wilhide, Cynthia Harris, and Debbie Latner to the Police, Fire, and Safe Commission with terms to expire on February 22, 2026. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #23-067** Moved by Bill Wadsworth, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to concur with the Administration to re-appoint Linda Choate and Sheldon Chandler with terms to expire on November 1, 2027, and appoint Gayle Mach with a term to expire November 1, 2024, to the Cemetery Board of Trustees. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- C. **Res. #23-068** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to concur with the Administration and award ITB 22/23-16 for the reconstruction of concrete pavement segments on Brandt Street to the lowest, most responsive, and responsible bidder, Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, in the amount of \$924,857.50 with a 10% contingency in the amount of \$92,485.75 to cover the cost of any unforeseen construction-related changes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes**

- A. **Res. #23-069** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-12 (Fire Department), in the amount of \$164,575,000, to recognize federal funding and allocate additional funds for costs associated with the acceptance of the 2023 SAFER grant and the hiring of six (6) additional firefighter positions in accordance with the "Period Performance" for the grant beginning, March 20, 2023.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- B. **Res. #23-070** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-13 (Building Department) in the amount of \$150,000,000 to recognize additional fees for engineering reimbursements. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- C. **Res. #23-071** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve the first reading and introduction for amendments to Chapter 26, Article I, Section 26-3, Permanent Structure and Mobile Food Service of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes**

**Res. #23-072** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution in memory of Karen Richard. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**8. Public Comment - None**

**9. Unfinished Business - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes**

**10. New Business**

The City Clerk asked the council to adopt a resolution in recognition of Jan Lemmon.

**Res. #23-073** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adopt a resolution recognizing Jan Lemmon for her service and contribution to the Romulus Memorial Cemetery.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Res. #23-074** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution in memory of Bishop James L. Whitehead, Jr. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**11. Warrant**

- A. **Res. #23-075** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of Warrant #23-5 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,586,680.38. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**

**12. Communication - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes**

**13. Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 27, 2023.



Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan